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**Site contractors contribute over \$550,000 to eastern Idaho United Way organizations**

IDAHO FALLS — Employees of the three Department of Energy contractors have given a boost to three regional United Way offices with donations for the upcoming year. United Way organizations in eastern Idaho received more than \$550,000 in contributions.

Battelle Energy Alliance and its employees have pledged a total of \$374,600 to United Way offices and agencies serving 22 counties in east and southeast Idaho. This year's total includes a \$55,000 donation by Battelle Energy Alliance, which will be shared among United Way offices in Idaho Falls, Pocatello and Twin Falls based on the percentage of INL employees residing in each United Way region.

"In the past eight years, Battelle Energy Alliance and its employees have committed more than \$2.9 million to United Way and its agencies," said Amy Lientz, director of INL's Communications & Governmental Affairs. "United Way and its member agencies provide food, shelter, crisis intervention, addiction rehabilitation, senior services, youth programs, and immediate, effective help for victims of violence and abuse. Together they form a safety net that improves the quality of life for all of us. We are pleased – indeed honored – to support them."

CH2M-WG Idaho (CWI), the contractor that manages the Idaho Cleanup Project, contributed over \$109,500, which includes employee contributions, CWI's corporate donation, and proceeds from the annual CWI United Way golf tournament.

"We are extremely pleased to announce that the employees of CH2M-WG Idaho, LLC (CWI) have exceeded their United Way campaign goal by over \$20,000. The level of support and generosity our co-workers have exhibited this year has been tremendous. The needs within our communities are great and we are pleased to be a part of the United Way program and making a difference," said Blaine Jensen, chairman of the CWI United Way campaign.

"The United Way is a wonderful way for each of us as individuals to get the most value for our contribution dollars. Partnering with the United Way of Idaho Falls and Bonneville County and the United Way of Southeastern Idaho, we are able to make a more significant impact than any one of us can do individually. UNITED – We Really Can Do So Much More."

The Idaho Treatment Group, which manages and operates the Department of Energy's Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project (AMWTP), contributed just over \$75,000 to regional United Way organizations.

"The generosity of AMWTP employees showed a big-hearted response," said Norm Sandlin, vice president, business and deputy project manager. "Whether it's preparing more kids to graduate and succeed, helping more families leave poverty, or enabling more people to live healthy, responsible lives, the results of this campaign demonstrate that AMWTP employees care about their neighbors."

The U.S. Department of Energy Idaho Office provides support to the community through the Combined Federal Campaign. The Idaho Office collected more than \$27,800 in contributions.

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